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TAGS: OVIP (SELDEN) FJ

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AMBASSADOR SELDEN

REFERENCE: STATE 51190

1. APPROVED ITINERARY FOR AMBASSADOR SELDEN AND PARTY (REFTEL) SHOWS DEPARTURE FROM NADI ON APRIL 9 AT 1915 HOURS AND ARRIVAL SUVA 1955 HOURS. TIMES SHOULD READ 0715 HOURS FOR DEPARTURE AND 0755 HOURS FOR ARRIVAL SUVA. OTHER TIMES SHOWN FOR FIJI AND TONGA PORTIONS OF ITINERARY ARE CORRECT.

2. HAVE RESERVED CONNECTING DOUBLE AND SINGLE AT FIJIAN HOTEL FOR APRIL 7 AND AT NADI TRAVELODGE APRIL 8. HOPE AMBASSADOR UNDERSTANDS THAT TRIP FROM AIRPORT TO FIJIAN TAKES AT LEAST ONE AND HALF HOURS OVER POOR ROAD, SO THAT ARRIVAL FIJIAN WILL NOT RPT NOT BE UNTIL ABOUT 2000 HOURS, PROVIDING PLANE ARRIVES NADI ON TIME. AM ARRANGING FOR CAR AND DRIVER TO TAKE PARTY FROM AIRPORT TO FIJIAN AND TO RETURN TO NADI FOLLOWING DAY. SUGGEST SELDENS PLAN TO LEAVE HOTEL AT 1500 HOURS FOR DAYLIGHT TRIP TO NADI. WILL AMBASSADOR PAY EXPENSES THIS TYPE HIMSELF OR SHOULD EMBASSY ASK FOR BILL TO BE SENT WELLINGTON LATER?

3. RE CHURCH SERVICES, BELIEVE GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES MAY BE UNCLASSIFIED

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POSSIBLE IN TONGA MORNING APRIL 12 OR AT ANGLICAN CATHDRAL

SUVA WHICH HOLDS THREE-HOUR LONG AFTERNOON SERVICE. IF PLANE FROM TONGA ARRIVES ON SCHEDULE, WOULD BE POSSIBLE ATTEND PART OF THAT SERVICE. BEACHCOMBER HOTEL HAS ARRANGED FOR PROTESTANT SERVICES IN HOTEL EASTER SUNDAY. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE CATHOLIC AND METHODIST CHURCHES IN VICINITY HOTEL THAT HOLD ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SERVICES.

4. ASSUMING THAT RESERVATIONS AT BEACHCOMBER DESIRED, HAVE BOOKED DOUBLE AND SINGLE CONNECTING FOR PERIOD APRIL 12 THROUGH APRIL 15. ADVISE WHETHER AMBASSADOR WISHES RETURN TO SUVA APRIL 15 OR 16. EMBASSY OFFICIAL CAR AND DRIVER WILL TAKE SELDNES TO HOTEL AND RETURN FOR THEM. TRIP APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS FROM SUVA.

5. HAVE RESERVED CONNECTING DOUBLE AND SINGLE AT SUVA TRAVELODGE FOR SUVA PORTION OF VISIT, APRIL 16 TO APRIL 20.

6. AM WORKING ON RECEPTION BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. SELDEN IN TONGA ON EITHER APRIL 10 OR 11, AND IN SUVA APRIL 17 OR 18. HALL

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